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Docket No. 6647-13

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of: Stephen R. CARTER, Delos C. JENSEN, and Ronald P. MILLETT

Serial No.: 09/615,726

Examiner: Lamont M. SPOONER

Filed: July 13, 2000

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Title: A METHOD AND MECHANISM FOR THE CREATION, MAINTENANCE,
AND COMPARISON OF SEMANTIC ABSTRACTSMail Stop AMENDMENT
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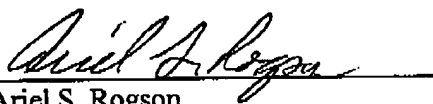
INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On April 27, 2004, Examiner Spooner telephoned the undersigned. The Examiner indicated the case was in condition for allowance except for five claims with antecedent basis concerns. The Examiner indicated antecedent basis issued with respect to claims 17 and 23 (referring to "the topological vector space"), claim 23 (referring to "the semantic abstract"), claims 32 and 33 (confusion regarding the term "dominant phrases"), and claim 39 (referring to "the second document", which is not in claim 39 or any of its ancestor claims). With respect to claim 39, the Examiner hypothesized that claim 39 was properly dependent from claim 23. The undersigned indicated agreement with respect to changing the first instance of "the topological vector space" to "a topological vector space" in claims 17 and 23; changing the first instance of "the semantic abstract" to "a semantic abstract" in claim 23; inserting "for the second document" after the second occurrence of "dominant phrases" in claims 32 and 33; and changing claim 39 to depend from claim 23 instead of claim 12. The Examiner indicated he would make these changes by Examiner's Amendment.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-27 and 29-41 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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